

REPUBLIC OR EMPIRE?

Mr. Bryan and Others Write a Book.

The Spanish-American war has involved the people of the United States in the discussion of a question entirely new to the present generation, a question of such vast importance that its final settlement will form an epoch in the history of the nation. The treaty of peace, however, now concluded, provides for the relinquishment by Spain of sovereignty over Cuba and also for the cession of Porto Rico and the Philippine Islands to the United States.

The President has assured the people of Cuba that the only purpose of our government is to establish a stable and independent government upon the island. The recognition of the right of the people to independence recognizes the Cuban question to a matter of detail. The people of Porto Rico seem to desire annexation to the United States, and since that island is a part of the western hemisphere and of great strategic advantage to this nation, there is practically no opposition to the incorporation of Porto Rico within the Union.

The Philippine question, however, is still an unsettled one. While the treaty has been ratified, the vote was very close, and favorable action could not be secured until an understanding was reached that ratification would not determine the future status of the Philippines.

The Bacon resolution, reading as follows:

"Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That by the ratification of the treaty of peace with Spain, it is not intended to incorporate the inhabitants of the Philippine Islands into citizenship of the United States, nor is it intended to permanently annex said islands as an integral part of the territory of the United States; but it is the intention of the United States to establish on said islands a government suitable to the wants and conditions of the inhabitants of said islands to prepare them for local self-government, and in due time to make such disposition of said islands as will best promote the interests of citizens of the United States and the inhabitants of said islands," was only defeated by the vote of the Vice-President.

The McHenry resolution, reading as follows:

"Resolved, further, That the United States hereby disclaims any disposition or intention to exercise permanent sovereignty, jurisdiction or control over said islands and assert their determination, when a stable and independent government shall have been erected thereon, to transfer to the government of the United States to recognize as such, to transfer to said government upon terms which shall be reasonable and just, all rights secured under the cession by Spain, and that governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed, or an empire, in which alien races are brought into subjection by force and governed without representation?"

In order to place before the public the best arguments thus far produced against the adoption of a colonial policy, the Independence Company has collected and presents the views of the most eminent men of the nation representing all parties.

Messrs. Bryan, Stevenson, Daniel, Vest, et al., speak from the standpoint of Democrats, and ex-Secretary Carlisle from the standpoint of gold Democrats. Messrs. Hoar, Edmunds, Taylor and Johnson look at the subject from the standpoint of Republicans, and Teller and Towne represent the silver Republicans. Messrs. Allen, Weaver, Butler and Turner express the opinion of the business men, and Mr. Gompers reflects the views of the army of wage earners. Messrs. Schurz and Adams speak as publicists, Prof. Jordan as an educator, while Rev. Henry Van Hook applies to the problem the test of Christianity. The verses of Taylor and Schadowell clothe in poetical language the sentiments which the others express in prose.

It will be seen that the material has been gathered from every section of the country, from Massachusetts to California, from Minnesota to Texas. An appendix has been added, containing the protocol, the treaty and such interesting State correspondence relative to the Philippine question.

Besides the likeness of the men whose opinions have been presented, the reader will also find an interesting collection of Philippine views, etc.

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Nothing to weep but tears,
Nothing to bury but dead.

Nothing to sing but songs—
Ah, well, alas! alack!
Nowhere to go but out,
Nowhere to come but back.

Nothing to see but sights,
Nothing to quench but thirst;
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